## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 and 17 are pending.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) as being anticipated by or unpatentable over Williams et al. (US 5,611,125). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Williams et al. describes an *outer* container for something like a casket. Williams et al.'s container is made of concrete, has a lid sealed thereon, and has an **angular** geometry. In contrast, the instant invention has nothing to do with burial vaults, but rather is directed to (rotary) *inner* container used in spinning procedures in household devices such as washing machines and dryers. In particular, the claimed container is in the form of a drum, i.e. it is cylindrical, or **round** about an axis (see e.g. *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*, enclosed).

The inner and outer walls of the instantly claimed container are made of thermoplastic which provide the container with sufficient mechanical strength to survive thousands of washing cycles. The mechanical strength of Williams et al.'s container comes mainly from the large amounts of concrete and the thermoplastic is only a coating against moisture. Williams et al. does not mention strength or thickness of inner and outer walls. Furthermore, concrete is provided for the instant invention as a counterweight to prevent undesired vibrations during fast rotation of the drum and can be replaced by other materials. This function would not have been suggested by the cited art.

Therefore, the instant claims contain limitations not disclosed or suggested by Williams et al. and this rejection should be withdrawn.

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## Marked-up version of amended claims to show changes made.

1. (amended) An inner container for <u>a</u> household <u>device</u>, [devices in the form of a drum composed of] <u>said inner container comprising</u> an inner and an outer wall with a shear-resistant connection between the two walls, where both the inner and outer walls have been built up from a thermoplastic, and where said inner container is in the form of a drum.



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than food intended to affect the structure or function of the body (4): a substance intended for use as a component of a medicine but not a device or a component, part, or accessory of a device 2: a commodity that is not salable or for which there is no demand — used in the phrase drug on the market 3: something that causes addiction or habituation — drug-gy \drag-\tilde{c}\drag-\til

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: vociferous advocacy of a cause — drum-beat-er \-r\ n — drum-beat-ing \-in\ n drum-life\) 'dram-lif(o)r\ n (1916) 1: artillery firing so continuous as to sound like a drumroll 2: something suggestive of drumfire in intensity: BARRAGE (a~ of publicity) drum-head \-hed\ n (1622) 1: the material (as skin or plastic) stretched over one or both ends of a drum 2: the top of a capstan that is pierced with sockets for the levers used in turning it drumhead court-martial n [fr. the use of a drumhead as a table] (1835): a summary court-martial that tries offenses on the battlefield drum-lin \'dram-lon\ n [IrGael druim back, ridge (fr. OIr druimm) + E lin (alter. of -ling)] (ca. 1833): an elongate or oval hill of glacial drift

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